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The New City Solicitor.

A very pleasant wedding was celebrated after the English style Wednesday afternoon at the residence of Miss Flora H. Howland on High street. The high contracting parties were Miss Marion, daughter of Mrs. Howland, and First Lieutenant Clarence B. Townsley, of Artillery B, 4th U. S. artillery, stationed at Fort Adams, and Rev. F. F. Emerson, of the United Congregational church, performed the ceremony. A reception followed the ceremony and was largely attended by army and naval officers and their ladies. Lion, and Mrs. Townsley left via the shore line at 4:30 for a short wedding tour, at the close of which they will take up their residence at Fort Adams.

The A. M. E. church, Touro Chapel, was reopened Sunday last after having been closed several weeks for repairs. The interior of the edifice had been renovated and its improved appearance was very pleasing to the congregation. Rev. G. W. Hunt of the Thames street, M. E. church preached the sermon at the morning service and Rev. F. F. Emerson of the United Congregational church in the afternoon, while in the evening the pastor, Rev. W. H. Hattier, D. D., administered the Lord's Supper. All the services, including a Sunday school jubilee at 1:30 P. M., were well attended.

Mr. Jesse G. Barker, a native of Middletown but now of Gibson, Illinois, is visiting old friends in this vicinity for the first time in thirty-three years. He left here in 1857, and with money earned by working for Mr. Nathaniel Peckham, of Middletown, went to Illinois and bought a farm. When the war broke out he enlisted in an Illinois regiment and fought his way from Missouri to the Rio Grande. After the war he returned to his farm, which has now grown to 250 acres, with good buildings, and well stocked with all the implements for successful farming.

The numbers of the Highway and Public Property committees were very much surprised upon being called to go Thursday evening to find that Alderman Pike had made up his mind to resign the chairmanship of each committee, positions which he had held with much credit. The members tried to dissuade him, but to no purpose, and finally his resignation was accepted and Alderman Cottrell was unanimously elected to the vacancy on the Highways and Councilman McCormick to that of Public Property.

Great Representative J. H. Barney and Great Junior Sagamore J. J. Peckham, of this city, with the rest of the officers of the Great Council of the Improved Order of Red Men of Rhode Island, were guests of Wachemoket Tribe No. 4, in East Providence last evening, where the Hunter's degree was worked. This degree is to be worked by all the Tribes in the competition for a silk banner, offered by the Great Council to the tribe doing the best.

The Arctic Ice Company began its harvest at Lily Pond Thursday afternoon and kept a large force of men at work there throughout yesterday. The ice is only about 6 inches thick, but it is clear and of excellent quality. The present cool weather continues the company will probably get to work at Eason's pond by the early part of next week.

The total number of births in Newport for seven years ending Dec. 31, 1880, was 4,229, and the total number of deaths, for the same period, was 2,133. Yet the census returns for last year showed a loss in population rather than a gain since the census of 1885.

The newly elected officers of Rhode Island Lodge, No. 12, I. O. O. F., were duly installed Monday night by District Deputy Allen C. Griffith. There was a large attendance. Reports of the trustees and finance committee were read, and the lodge was found to be in a very prosperous condition.

Mr. B. Clarence Brown, while walking out Broadway, along the street car track, Monday afternoon, was assaulted by Arthur Pitts, who, being on horseback, claimed the right of way. For the assault and the language used in connection therewith, Mr. Pitts, in fines and costs, paid \$11.20.

The Friendly Aid Society, under the management of Mr. Simeon Hazard, as District Deputy, will be organized in the Mercury Hall next Tuesday evening. The local organization will be started with a charter list of over thirty members.

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Poetry.

But One Talent.

BY DAVID LINDNER BOYCE.

You who yearn over of longer worth esteem,
And common mortals listen to my dream,
And learn the lesson of life's warning cheer,
The coming of doom.The angel, guardian of my youth and age,
Spread out before me an account-book's page,
Saying, "This column marks what thou dost owe—
The gain thou hast to show.""Spirit," I said, "I know, plow too well,
How poor the tally record has to tell,
Much I receive—the little we have brought
Seems by its side as naught.""Five acres of upland's purest gold,
These five old caskets ranged before me hold;
The first can show a few poor coins again,
The rest unchanged remain.""Bringing my scanty tribute, I say now,
To him who sparingly the path strayed,
I tremble at a weight when I count
The load I cast before me.""What will he say to one from whom we are due,
To whom when he comes with less than two?
What can I but shudder and wait,
The plowful serving's late?"As loath a mother an erring child,
The angel looked me in the face and said,
"How foul I sin, reflecting with myself, con-
trive To count thy talents five?These caskets which thy battering bances
Hold
Not all with truth's precious ore are filled;
They hold is sterner, for the gift was small;
One talent—that was all.""This second casket, with its grave pretense,
Is weighty with little; TORNADO, dark and
dismal;
Save for a single glow-worm's glimmering
light,
To mock its murky night.""The third conceals the SCULPTURE that was
thine,
How could by mind its lack of wit divine?
Let not what Heaven assumed thee bring thee
blame."

The want is not thy shame.

"The fourth, so light to life, so fair to see,
Is fitted to bursting with a weary
The vapor which that kept her hopeful eyes
By counting one life five.""These held but little, but the fifth held less—
Only blank vacuum, pitchy nothingness,
An idiot's portion. He who care knows
It's claimant nothing over.""Thrice happy paper he whose last account
Shows on the debtor-side the less amount,
The more thy gifts, the more thou needs must
pay
On life's dead reckoning day.""Humble, not grieving to be deceived,
I woke, from fears of hopeless debt relieved,
For sparing gifts but small returns are due—
Thank Heaven I find a few."

—Atlantic Monthly.

sation had been no mystery to him. The stranger's life was in danger. Three men were going to wait for him at the burned cabin a mile down the valley.

That much Paul understood perfectly, the rest vaguely. He knew that "government spy" was a dreaded word at Redman's Cave, and he was aware that "moonshining whiskey" was a staple product in that region, but of the connection between the two he was very ignorant.

He waited a little longer in his hide-out, and then, sliding down the shaky ladder, he strolled carelessly back to the tavern. The stranger standing on the porch greeted him with a pleasant smile. A group of well-faced men in the doorway glanced him over carelessly as he passed between them.

Paul walked straight on, and climbed the rickety stairs to the back room. The one window opened on the mountain, over whose crest the moon was just peeping. The lad raised the latch and looked timidly out.

"I must save him—I must," he repeated, in a whisper. "He was kind to me—I don't want him to get lost."

Still he waited irresolutely, not knowing what to do. He dare not warn the man openly, that would be perilous to both of them. No, there was only one way—only one.

With a little shudder Paul threw one foot over the sill and then the other. Twisting his body round, he clung fast for a moment, and then he dropped lightly to the ground. The noise of his fall was slight. He was on his feet instantly, and speeded into the undergrowth at the base of the mountain.

He circled widely round the barn, taking great care to tread on no dry branches, and then broke into a run over the stony, uneven ground. The pale moonlight scarcely penetrated the straggling timber and the tangled undergrowth. He pushed on blindly in the darkness, tripping on thorny vines, and brushing his hands on stones and fallen logs, but his mind never wandered in its purpose.

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Leave Providence 4:30 P.M. at New York 5:05 P.M.; New Haven 6:05 P.M.; New London 7:05 P.M.; Providence 6:30 P.M.; Boston 7:30 P.M.

Leave New London 7:29 A.M.; Boston 7:05 A.M.; Providence 7:15 A.M.; arrive at Newport at 9:05 A.M.

Leave Providence at 3:00 A.M.; New Haven 12:55 A.M.; New London 10:15 A.M.; Boston 10:05 A.M.; Providence 11:15 A.M.; arrive at Newport at 1:00 P.M.

Leave New Haven 4:30 P.M.; Boston 3:00 P.M.; New York 4:30 P.M.; New London 5:00 P.M.; Providence 5:00 P.M.; arrive at Newport at 7:00 P.M.

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the preacher is a woman, and in a double

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have to hear and bear hard sayings

which I do not bear, but as a rule the

congregations increase when I return

to a place, and it is only a question of

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She was a bright girl and they were

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she had won his enthusiastic heart by

understanding the game right off, and

he loved her even more than if she had

been only his sister. "It reminds me

of the household," he said. "The

plate, the butter, the forks, the knives,"

"And it reminds me of marriage."

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"First the dinner, then the strag-

gles and the hits, then the man going

out, and, finally, the difficulty they

have in getting home!" And he sat

and thought and thought.

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The Mercury.

J. P. SANBORN, Editor and Proprietor
SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 1891.

The census shows \$350,000,000 in mortgages.

There are at least 1,000 millionaires in New York.

The Republican ticket of the New Hampshire legislature, having put the "if entitled" members on the list, succeeded in electing Governor Tuttle by one majority.—*Daily News*.As Gov. Tuttle had 185 votes and his Democratic opponent only 150, the *Daily News* method of computing majorities must be peculiar unto itself.

The Republicans in New Hampshire have carried the day in the legislature, and elected their governor and other State officers. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House are both Republicans, and that party will elect a United States Senator. The quiet and peaceful organization of the legislature on Wednesday was a surprise to all parties.

The third inaugural address of His Honor Mayor Coggeshall is printed in full in another column of this week's *Mercury*. Like all the addresses of the mayor it shows a careful insight into the needs of the city. It also shows that the mayor keeps himself well versed in city affairs, and while we may not be ready to adopt all of his recommendations yet they should all receive careful consideration. The message should be read by every tax payer.Our old friend, the *Pawtucket Gazette* and *Chronicle*, appeared last week in a brand new suit of handsome type and made up in an eight-page form. It required several examinations to convince ourselves that we were not mistaken in the visitor so changed for the better did we find it in all respects. It is now one of the handsomest and brightest of our exchanges. We congratulate Brother Lee on this renewed evidence of continued prosperity.

Jay Gould has an idea that we should adopt the English plan and retire the Administration whenever a vote goes against it. This would involve the re-casting of our system of government and eventually overthrow our executive, legislative and judicial checks and balances by the increasing power of the popular assembly. Recently English and French publicists have frankly deplored the absence in their governments of some of the elements of stability contained in ours. In a nutshell the English system may be said to work the while, the American the will of the people.

There were 10,907 failures in the United States in the year 1890. This does not look very well for the business skill and ability of the people of the country. The amount of money involved in these failures was one hundred and ninety millions of dollars. Going back through a term of years we find that there were 10,822 failures in 1889; 10,619 in 1888; 9,651 in 1887; 9,841 in 1886, and 10,637 in 1885. This is not a pleasing retrospect, and yet the country prospers notwithstanding the large number that are constantly going under. The failures in Rhode Island during the past year were 107. How they could get that number and still have anybody left in business is a serious question. In Massachusetts there were 650 and in all New England 103,212.

In the organization of the new city government on Monday last, there were some changes in the officers for the coming year, but probably no more than usually occurs on such occasions. In the Common Council Mr. Fred M. Hammitt gives place to Mr. E. G. Young as president of that body. Mr. Hammitt has served during the past year with much credit to himself and the general satisfaction of the council, and the change in presiding officers at this time was caused by no ill feeling towards him. His successor, Mr. Young, has had long experience in the council and will make an able and dignified presiding officer. There is no political significance in the change; it was simply one of those events that is liable to happen in all legislative bodies. In the tax collectorship, Mr. T. A. Spencer takes the place of Mr. Wm. H. Ailman who has filled the office very acceptably for the past 32 years. Mr. Ailman has many times signified his desire to give up the office, but his friends have persuaded him to remain. Mr. Spencer after he gets used to the office will doubtless make a good collector. The change of city solicitor was brought about by Mr. Peckham's declining longer to serve in that capacity. Col. Wm. P. Shedd, Jr., who was elected to succeed Mr. Peckham, is a young lawyer of ability and energy. He is well qualified for the important position and will no doubt fill the office to the general acceptance of the people.

The Commission to select a site for a navy yard on Puget Sound has reported in favor of Port Orchard. From all the facts presented at the time the commission was engaged in its search there is no doubt that the location is well chosen; probably the best that could be selected.

Eastern parties propose to establish a ship yard on Puget Sound to build steel "whaleback" vessels for Pacific Coast trade. These craft, which are barges with a curved, whaleback deck, to enable them to go through the roughest seas without injury to their cargoes, have been a great success on the lakes.

A mountain in active eruption is an unusual thing in the United States, but now, it is said, Mt. Wrangell in Alaska is belching forth fire and smoke.

Vassar College points with pride to the alleged fact that no graduate of that institution has ever been divorced from her husband.

The Shipping Bill.

This measure for the aid of American vessels still lies dormant in Congress and is very likely to be talked to death in the Senate whenever it comes up. Of the importance of this measure to the carrying trade of this country all should be fully informed. For the lack of such a measure we of this country have fallen behind all other nations in our foreign commerce.

Enough has been said in the way of argument in favor of this plan for the revival of our foreign carrying trade to prove that our protective system is incomplete without it. The Free traders declare that it will not effect its purpose in our case, and even have the hardihood to assert that it has failed in the case of European countries. As an ounce of fact is worth a hundred pounds of theory and assertion, it is worth while to note the course of trade between France, Germany and the Argentine Republic. In 1889 French exports to that country amounted to \$8,202,872 and German to \$2,315,121. In that year both countries established shipping lines to Buenos Ayres, with milievo subsidies. The consequence was that in 1888 the exports of France had increased to \$27,181,000 and those of Germany to \$29,115,000. It may be urged that during those years there was a great development in the Argentine Confederation. That is true, but American exports thither have kept pace with it. They were \$3,221,749 in 1889 and only \$9,031,000 in 1888. Both France and Germany are protective countries. They have dearer coal and coke than the United States. Neither can make steel rails as cheaply. The United States is nearer, more enterprising and has more capital invested in manufactures than France or Germany; perhaps more than both combined, yet our total trade with Argentina is only twice what it was ten years ago, and that of Germany eight times as great. The difference is due to the judicious encouragement of direct transportation.

For another aspect of the case take trade with Brazil. According to latest official reports the total foreign trade of that country amounted to \$258,290,000, of which that with the United States, \$61,080,000, was the largest single item, that of England, the next largest, being only \$53,783,000. The argument against our maritime policies lies in the course of this trade. We purchased from Brazil to the value of \$52,073,000 and sold to her only \$8,127,000. England purchased of her only \$23,922,000, but sold to the amount of \$11,951,000. England has subsidized steam lines to Brazil which afford swift and frequent communication. We have only one struggling line without subsidy, which can afford to run a steamer about once a month. We give Brazil some advantages which England withholds. We admit coffee and rubber, our principal imports, free of duty, while England taxes coffee and cocoa. Undoubtedly England has an advantage over us in the cheapness of some of her goods, but in others we have the advantage, and the course of trade in her favor must be further explained by conditions of transportation. Besides this one-sided state of trade it should be borne in mind that English and other European ships are making a profit out of carrying a large proportion of the commerce between the United States and Brazil, in default of American bottoms.

These facts hold good in a general way of all our South American trade. The Pan-American Congress put Latin America in a humor to trade with us. The problem now is to provide the necessary facilities. The Shipping bill will do if Congress will stop arguing over less important matters long enough to push it to enactment.

P. T. Barnum was right in his claim that people like to be humbugged. Notwithstanding the exposure of that mitigated fraud, Ann O'Dell, Mrs. Debbar, in the Marsh case two years ago, the woman is again to the fore, and has found a customer for her "stock pictures" in the wife of the editor of the *Scientific American*. What is the use of invoking law to protect persons who are so easily deceived?

Henry Clay's old homestead at Ashland, Ky., is now in the possession of Major Henry Clay McDowell. His daughter, Miss Nettie McDowell, is said to have a strong resemblance in mind and in person to her distinguished great-grandfather.

Newport Conclave No. 39, Knights of Sherwood Forest, will give socials in Old Fellows Hall Wednesday evenings, Jan. 21, Feb. 4, and Monday evening, March 4.

Capt. E. W. Young and family are in Philadelphia.

JAMESTOWN.

One of the architects engaged upon the Conanticut Reserve improvements has been in town this week looking over the land preparatory to beginning the work.

Mr. Daniel Watson has sold a building site containing about one and one-half acres, situated on the Ocean and Sheldon and Ocean avenues, Ocean View plat (South Beavertail Farm), to Mrs. Harriet L. Stevens of Newport, for \$1,200 per acre.

Work upon the new cottage for Mr. John Weeden, on Southwest avenue, is progressing finely.

Mr. and Mrs. George Howland, nee Steadman, have taken possession of their new home on the Howland farm, where they have as guests Mr. and Mrs. C. Steadman, Jr.

Mr. Isaac Clarke has completed his ice harvest, having got his house full of as handsome blocks of that useful summer commodity, as have ever been cut.

Mr. Daniel Watson has sold two acres of land situated on Cliff and Ocean avenues, and three acres and 44.44 square feet situated on LeRoy and Ocean avenues, on the Ocean View plat (South Beavertail Farm), to Mr. Albert Peckham of Little Compton, for \$3,200,000.

In 1889 the wealth of the United States was computed at \$11,000,000,000, how the wealth is estimated to be \$11,000,000,000—an increase of \$2,000,000 for every single year.

Forgotten Facts About Colonial Rhode Island.

To the Editor of the Newport Mercury.
Dear Sir: I have recently been reading a work in two volumes by a Rhode Islander, William B. Weeden, entitled, *Economic and Social History of New England*. These books contain "many a quaint and curious" fact concerning the customs and manners of our New England forefathers. I have culled out a few concerning the ways of the fathers in colonial Rhode Island, and thinking that some at least of these facts may be now and interesting to your readers I have collected a number for their entertainment. The first group of these facts is about slavery in the early days of Rhode Island. Any one visiting our ancient Newport cemetery will find in one corner of it the old and crumbling headstones that mark the graves of slaves buried there; these to-day are reminders of the slavery that once existed in colonial Rhode Island. Indeed, Newport at one time carried on a flourishing slave trade, and in an old record we find that at a sale in Boston of slaves, the buyer of the highest price ("Cossy negro boy") was a "Mr. Channing" of Newport, and it is not unlikely that this slave purchased was an ancestor of the honored Channing who in later days became a foremost exponent of the anti-slavery idea. Away back in Rhode Island's colonial days she enacted a fugitive slave law, her legislature passing an act requiring the return of slaves that had escaped from other colonies. I doubt if the passage of this law occasioned even the gentlest breeze of excitement in the colonies. But how different the scene two centuries later when that storm of public indignation raged over the great New Englander, Daniel Webster, because he had raised his voice in support of the passage of a similar law! *Tempora mutantur.*How many Newporters are aware that their streets were once paved by the income derived from a tax on imported slaves? Yet such is the case; for we read that in 1723 this impost amounted to enough to justify an appropriation dividing it, one half toward paving the streets of Newport, one half toward the great bridges on the main?" Some of us, not to the manner born, would be more ready to believe that Newport's execrable side-walks were constructed by the expenditure of slave-money! When Rhode Island in 1774 finally forbade the further importation of negroes into her territory, it was stated as a reason "that these deserve of enjoying all the advantages of liberty themselves should be willing to extend personal liberty to others." Good doctrine that! Many have read of the famous phantom ship; this vessel belonging in New Haven was lost at sea in 1816, but according to tradition some months later after a thunder-storm, the good people of New Haven saw her phantom shape coming into the harbor, her canvas set and colors flying. It will be new to some that this vessel was built in Rhode Island, and according to Weeden, "this is one of the first evidences of the growing commerce of that country." The early commercial interests of Rhode Island were a very important factor in her growth; and as every one knows, Colonial Newport was renowned for her commercial importance. In the Spanish war of 1739 and the French war of 1744 the business of *privateering* attained large proportions and in Simon Potter owner and commander of the "Prince Charles of Lorraine" of Newport the Spaniards found a rover as greedy for spoil as the old Vikings though not as cruel. In 1745 he ravaged 4,000 miles of territory on the Spanish main. The exploits of Capt. Hall of Newport as a privateer were so extraordinary that in 1749 the Boston News Letter reported that his owners "designed to have his statue finely cut out of a block of marble to stand upon a handsome pedestal with each foot upon a Spanish's neck." These free rovers were not always fortunate. In 1748 Godfrey Malbone, the leading merchant of Newport, built two large privateers for raiding about the Spanish main. He manned them with 400 men under the command of Captains Cranston and Brewer. The ships sailed away seeking luck but were never heard of more and 200 families of Newport were plunged into mourning.

Colonial Rhode Island did a large coasting business, and in 1761 she had 32 vessels engaged in coasting from Newfoundland to Georgia. In 1762 two sloops acting as packets made weekly voyages between Newport and New York. Mr. Weeden calls attention to the two-masted double ended boat built for Block Island and says: "Bow and stern nearly alike—without a deck she ploughed deep in the trough and mounted high over the crests of the seas. Her crew were equal to their race craft" venturing into almost any weather "they breasted the foaming waters in company with the gull or the petrel. Tradition claims that no one of the boats was ever swamped in the open seas."

How outraged would be the moral sense of this or any community should the town or city "fathers" set about to raise money for public improvements by issuing lottery tickets! And yet it was not an unknown thing for our staid ancestors to attempt an improvement in the finances by that means. Thus for instance, the town of East Greenwich voted in 1715 to expend \$900 tickets in the Providence lottery for building Wayboset Bridge. But alas! (or well!) only \$290 was returned as prizes from this losing venture.

The student of the early history of Newport is familiar with the name of Gov. Benedict Arnold, with whose memory the Old Stone Mill is associated. It will doubtless be of interest to many to read concerning his bequest of what might be termed a missionary horse; and with a brief quotation from the volumes alluded to above, showing the purpose of the legacy. I close, "Governor Benedict Arnold, a merchant of Newport, but dwelling in Jamestown, R. I., in 1733, left a three year old gray horse, to be kept in particular pasture for twenty years. It was to be for the use of the women of the public ministry of the Quakers who desire to visit in their ministry, any part of New England, New York, or Philadelphia."

Yours Respectfully,
S. W. STEVENS.
Newport, R. I., Jan. 1891.

It costs \$20,000 a week to support the pension agents who get from the government the money given by Uncle Sam for the disabled veterans. This seems to be rather a large tax to pay for something that should be done without cost.

The State of Indiana is burdened with a debt of nearly \$10,000,000, and its credit is greatly impaired. The interest on its bonds is unpaid, the debt is rapidly increasing, and the State is on the verge of bankruptcy.

Mr. Daniel Watson has sold two acres of land situated on Cliff and Ocean avenues, and three acres and 44.44 square feet situated on LeRoy and Ocean avenues, on the Ocean View plat (South Beavertail Farm), to Mr. Albert Peckham of Little Compton, for \$3,200,000.

In 1889 the wealth of the United States was computed at \$11,000,000,000, how the wealth is estimated to be \$11,000,000,000—an increase of \$2,000,000 for every single year.

WASHINGTON MATTERS.

The Republican Senators Masters of the Situation.—Senator Aldrich and His Brother Ratio.—The Long Contest.—Pine Republican Votes Against the Election Bill.—The "Predictor's Message."—Action of the Public Debt.—Fractional Paper Currency.—The New Supreme Court Judgment.—The Shipping Bill—Democrats Bluff.

From our regular correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5, 1891. Republican Senators are looking and evidently feeling much more confident being masters of the situation to-day than they did during the present session. It now seems to be only a question of getting and keeping every republican Senator in his seat until the victory is won. Urgent telegrams have been sent to all of the absentees to return at once to take part in the big fight which will be opened as soon as there is a republican quorum present. The republican Senators held a conference this morning, which was largely attended and at which they got nearer together in their ideas of what ought to be done than they have been able to do at any of the previous conferences. That means business and the democrats know it and are correspondingly impressed.

Senator Aldrich will not call up his cloture rule until the effort has been made to force a vote on the election bill by holding a continuous session of the Senate. The democratic Senators will not attend if their presence is necessary to make a quorum, but if there is a quorum of republicans the democrats will all attend and resort to filibustering in order to prevent a vote being taken. So, with a quorum of republicans present, and there is little doubt of there being one, the whole matter will resolve itself into a question of endurance, and it will not be surprising should the record for the longest continuous session—72 hours be exceeded during the present week.

It is not certain that the republicans can succeed in winning the democrats out, but it was thought best, in reference to the wishes of a small number of Senators, to try this method before adopting the cloture rule in order to demonstrate to the country the necessity for such a rule to enable the Senate to transact the business for which it has assembled.

All the democratic burrah about republican opposition to the election bill is founded upon exactly four votes, that being the number of republican Senators who will refuse to vote for the bill, and it is not probable that more than three of them will carry their opposition to the extent of voting against the bill, but will merely refuse to vote for it, and it is almost certain that neither of these gentlemen will aid the democrats in breaking a quorum by abstaining themselves.

The President is understood to have written a message to accompany the correspondence between Secretary Blaine and the British Foreign Office on the Bering Sea dispute, but I have excellent reasons for believing that the message and correspondence will not be transmitted to Congress until after the election bill is disposed of.

The reduction of the public debt in December was slightly in excess of \$1,000,000 which means just that much money put into active circulation in addition to the ordinary expenditures of the Government.

The idea of fractional paper currency has again been brought to the front by Representative Kelly, of Kansas, who has introduced a bill in the House directing the Secretary of the Treasury to print \$70,000,000 of it in bills of \$1, \$2, and \$5 each, the same to be legal tender for all debts for any sum not exceeding ten dollars.

Associate Justice Brown, the new member of the United States Supreme Court took his seat to-day in the presence of a distinguished audience, comprising most of the legal talent of the House and Senate, besides a large number of the country's most eminent lawyers. He presented a most striking appearance with his strong cleanly shaved face and well-shaped head which made him look to be even such a judge and the peer of his colleagues who form what has been called "the greatest judicial body in the world."

The friends of the shipping bill will endeavor to keep that measure before the House this week until it is well disposed of, but it is not certain that they can succeed as Mr. Cannon and a strong following will insist upon disposing of some of the appropriation bills. The House may find its business blocked at any time owing to its not having a quorum of republicans present, although the republicans are confident that they can get a quorum of republicans here at any time that it becomes necessary.

The democrats are trying to bluff the republicans by claiming that they have no objections to an extra session of Congress, when the truth is that it is the one outcome of the present session that they fear most, and this fear will probably prove a powerful factor in restraining the natural obstructive tendencies of that party.

They are cutting a good deal of ice down in Maine nowadays. Maine papers declare that it is very fine ice, remarkably clear and sound. There is every indication of a big crop.

Ocean, if treated off, will reveal millions of dollars of wealth. There is also a great deal of wealth in good health and long life. The juletteuse of pure stimulants is not profitable—such as the G. O. Taylor's Old Bourbon and G. O. Taylor's Pure Rye Whiskies. They lead the world, being given high marks because of purity. Druggists and druggists of the world, the firm name is on the label and over the cork. CHESTER H. GRAVES & SONS, Sole Proprietors, Boston, Mass.

The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has just received \$1,000 from the estate of Lydia Maria Child.

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It would seem that Mrs. William
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leader in New York this season than
ever before. She is identified with
the management of the three chief series
of subscription balls in New York. She
is the leading manager of the Assem-
bly balls, a member of the quintet that
has the "swell" Delmonico balls in
charge, and everybody knows that
Ward McAllister has the advantage of
her judgment and experience in the
management of the Patriarch affairs.
Outside of this, Mrs. Astor gives
a large private ball in January, and she
is giving a series of handsome dinners.
There is no question about the im-
mense social power she wields, rein-
forced as her entertainments are by her
own wise and winning personality. In
the brief Astor Campaign at Newport
last summer, when young Mrs. Wild
Astor announced her candidature for
social leadership as against Mrs. Wild
Astor, I am given to understand
that Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt was in-
vited very decidedly to favor Mrs.
Wild's claims. She gave her all the
support, encouragement and en-
couragement that she dared. Now that
the Astor rebellion has proved to be
nothing more than a flash in the pan,
Mrs. Isaac J. Barker has, ready for
use, a horse bay bale, if these farm-
ers who are afraid to have the steam

Newport County News

TIVERTON.

The librarian of the Whitridge Hall Library sends in the following report of the circulation of books for the month of December: History 11, Travel and Geography 23, Science and Art, Literature and Language 21, Poetry and Drama, 1, Miscellaneous 10, Fiction 12, Total 200. During the past month there were 200 visitors to the Reading Room and Library.

Mr. Robert W. Wyatt has repurchased his wholesale confectionery business which he had sold last spring to William L. Fish of Portsmouth.

A marriage took place at the Court, at the Town Hall Monday, January 5, Nathaniel B. Church, David W. Simon, Samuel E. Borden present. The business transactions were as follows:

1st, Langham cocktail.

1st, Rose Comb Brown Leghorn pullet.

21, Rose Comb Brown Leghorn pullet.

21, Rose Comb Brown Leghorn pullet.

21, Golden Wyanadotte pullet.

21, Rose Comb Brown Leghorn pullet.

21, Dark Brahma cocktail.

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The birds taking the three latter prizes are owned by Mr. Isaac J. Barker, but are inmates of the "O. K." yard.

In addition to the winnings given above, 11 sweepstakes specials were also won by Mr. Hughes, who is the owner of the highest scoring Rose-Comb Brown Leghorn pullet in this country—90 points.

BLOCK ISLAND.

One of the most pleasant entertainments enjoyed by the citizens of the town for many years took place in the "Neck" schoolhouse Christmas night. It consisted of vocal and instrumental music, dialogues, recitations, &c., and for about an hour and a half, the audience which filled the building enjoyed a treat prepared for them by the thorough drill, and painstaking care of Principal Stephen B. Witter of Norwell, Conn., who has been in charge of the school for the past four or five years. Nothing occurred to mar the harmony of the occasion, and when at the close of the exercises a curtain was drawn aside revealing a Christmas tree loaded with gifts for the children, and Santa Claus appeared in his honored costume to distribute them, the joy and enthusiasm of the children know no bounds.

Mr. Witter was made the recipient of a gold guard chain from his pupils, and all departed for their homes under the bright rays of the moon, singing happy songs of Christmas cheer.

Mr. Sherman P. Gilligham who recently died in Newport of pneumonia, was born in Block Island. He was a grandson of Capt. Sylvanus D. Willis, for many years one of the pilot commissioners. His father John H. Gilligham, Esq., for many years employed by the Newport City Government, died less than a year ago at an

early age.

Samuel Seabury appointed Administrator on the estate of Samuel Seabury, deceased, Bond \$150. Surely, A. Lincoln Hamby, Appraisers, Geo. F. Cotter, Geo. R. Lawton and Wm. E. Brightman.

Will of Henry Manchester approved. The first account of Stephen G. Crandall, Executor of the last will and testament of Stephen Crandall, deceased, received, allowed and ordered recorded.

The petition of Harriet M. Grinnell that she be appointed Administrator on the estate of Stephen F. Grinnell, deceased, and guardian of daughter, granted.

The communication of Mrs. John Almy referred to Horace L. Almy, Surveyor of Highways in District No. 12, Mr. Wm. W. T. Allen, S. S. Stafford, J. Charles Cook and Square M. Chaco, appointed a committee to inspect and repair, if they deem it necessary for the safety of public travel, the piece of road raised and repaired by the Surveyor of District No. 1, on the road south of the Four Corners near the front of C. H. White's store, and report to the Town Council.

Notice ordered on the report of the Commissioners on the estate of Wm. H. Nease.

Communications of Cumming at Law, Fall River, in respect to David Donnelly's claim, referred to the first Monday in February, by order of the Court.

Bills allowed and orders given to the amount of \$448.22.

The monthly report of the circulation of books from the Library and Library is as follows: History 5, Biography 4, Geography and Travel 10, Poetry and Drama 2, Literature and Language 1, Fiction 59, Total 111.

PORSCHEMUTH.

On Wednesday evening of this week the D. D. G. M., Allen C. Griffith assisted by his board of grand officers, viz: G. Mar. Charles J. Coggeshall; G. W. Warren A. Brown; G. Rec. Sec. John H. Allen; G. Per. Sec. William L. Tilley; G. Pres. John M. Taylor; G. Chap. John S. Deacon; G. Guar. Joseph C. Gifford, installed the newly elected and appointive officers of "Oakland Lodge," No. 32 I. O. O. F., into their respective chairs.

X. G. Emerick A. Bishop, V. W. Lovell, Patterson, Fred. P. Peckham, Per Sec. John D. G. Peckham, Tres.—Albert S. Walker, Cor.—Edward A. Coggeshall, R. S. to N. G.—George A. Brown, L. S. to V. G.—James T. Parker, R. S. to—Isaac Alby, L. S. to—Edward Thurston, L. S. to—John D. G. Peckham, O. G.—Almer M. Brown, Chap.—Nathaniel Peckham, Acting P. G.—John A. Elliott, Trustees—Nathaniel Peckham, Wm. D. P. Bain and Parker L. Thurston.

After the installation exercises the company repaired to the hall where dancing was enjoyed by those who wished to music by the "Eureka orchestra" of this town, with Benjamin Davis, of Bristol, as prompter. It is a long time since Mr. Davis has promoted in this hall, but the happy greetings he received showed how his services in that capacity are appreciated. The music was considered very good indeed and we hope this orchestra may meet with a good patronage. An oyster supper was served in the dining hall and was a very fine one. Mr. Wanton T. Sherman was chef on this occasion.

Mr. Nathaniel H. Peckham, of Middlebury, has purchased through Mr. G. V. Willard, the Peckham Almy farm in this town.

The Eureka Orchestra a part of the late Portsmouth Brass Band is ready to furnish music for socials, give them a call, please.

Perry G. Randall has commenced improvements upon William Randall's house.

Henry Anthony's wind mill ran away one day week before last. He applied the brake to stop her but it did not have the desired effect. He then tried to pull her around out of the wind but could not. He ran for help and they finally succeeded in stopping her, but not until considerable damage was done to the thinning gear. It will be some time before he can make meal again.

Many of our people have improved the opportunity offered for harvesting ice, and the prospect is very good for getting a supply for the coming summer.

No doubt Mr. Robert W. Wyat's old customers will be glad to see him once more at his old trade as we understand he has purchased of Mr. Wm. L. Fish his wholesale confectionery business, that he sold to Mr. Fish last spring. Mr. Wyat was to take possession on Tuesday of last week.

Mr. Isaac J. Barker has, ready for use, a horse bay bale, if these farmers who are afraid to have the steam

THE NEWPORT MERCURY: FOR THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 10, 1891.

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Mr. Barker will give a call they
will find him ready to accommodate
them.

Mrs. Edward A. Coggeshall spent
Christmas with her sister, in New Bedford, Mass.

Among those who spent their Christ-
mas at home, were Mr. and Mrs. John
Brown, of Providence, with Mrs. Jo-
seph Anthony, Misses Grace and
Austine E. Sisson with their parents Mr.
and Mrs. J. A. Sisson, and Miss Mary
Chase with her parents Mr. and Mrs.

The O. K. Poultry Yard of South
Portsmouth W. M. Hughes, proprietor,
held a conspicuous place among the ex-
hibits at the meeting of the Rhode
Island Poultry Association in Providence
last week, and nearly made a
clean sweep of the awards. The
prizes secured by the products of this
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